



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, FL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The Treasure Coast Region (total population 1,777,041) encompasses the Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties of Florida. Most of the region's approximately 1,300 potentially contaminated brownfields are in low-income areas with high rates of unemployment and poverty. These neighborhoods are typically the areas being targeted for redevelopment in the four-county region. In some of these neighborhoods, the poverty rates exceed 35



Assessment Grants



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community involvement activities, and perform 12 Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments in the targeted redevelopment areas of the Treasure Coast Region. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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percent, and the per capita income is less than \$10,000. Assessment of the region's brownfields will provide the catalyst for economic investment and redevelopment in divested neighborhoods. A priority for site reuse in these neighborhoods is parks and greenway projects.